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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: FUTURE CONSTRUCTION BOGOTA-VILLAVICENCIO
HIGHWAY

1. MIN OF PUBLIC WORKS, DR. HUMBERTO SALCEDO COLLANTE, HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR OF GOC INTEREST IN CONTRACTING FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR HIGHWAY BETWEEN BOGOTA AND VILLAVICENCIO.

2. APPROX LENGTH OF HIGHWAY IS 110 KILOMETERS AND CONSTRUCTION OF VIADUCTS AND TUNNELS IS DESIRED. ROAD WOULD GO FROM 8,700 FEET AT BOGOTA TO ABOUT 10,500 FEET AND THEN DESCEND TO 1,650 FEET IN VILLAVICENCIO.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT COMPRISING FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND FINAL CONSTRUCTION WILL BE FINANCED BY HIGHWAY TGFLS. CONSTRUCTING FIRM WILL ADMINISTER HIGHWAY FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL INVESTMENT IS RECOVERED. NO CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCING ENTITIES HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE MIN OF PUBLIC WORKS.

4. GOC SERIOUSLY COMMITTED TO CONSTRUCT THIS ROAD. BOGOTA IS THE CONSUMER CENTER OF GOODS PRODUCED IN THAT AREA, NAMELY RICE, MEAT AND CATTLE AND PROBABLY COTTON AND AFRICAN PALM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PRESENT ROAD HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY A SERIES OF LANDSLIDES WITH SUBSEQUENT ADVERSE EFFECTS FOR THE REGION.

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5. INTERESTED US FIRMS CAN GET FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS
PROJECT BY WRITING DIRECTLY TO:

DR. JAVIER RESTREPO
VICE MINISTRO
MINISTERIO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS
CENTRO ADMINISTRATIVO NACIONAL CAN
BOGOTA COLOMBIA

6. EMBASSY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING COPIES OF LETTERS FROM US
FIRMS TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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